

RETRIEVAL OF A SINGLE COMPLETE COPY FROM MULTIPLE STORED COPIES OF INFORMATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method and apparatus for retrieving a single complete copy from
multiple stored copies is provided. Information of each of the multiple stored
copies is contained in a different set of sectors on disc surfaces in a disc storage
system. Each different set of sectors can include at least one defective sector
from which information is not recoverable. One copy from the multiple stored
10 copies from which information is recoverable is selected. Defective sectors in
the selected copy are identified. Replacement sectors are located from the
multiple stored copies other than the selected copy. Information from the
selected copy is merged with information from the replacement sectors to form
the single complete copy.

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